ABSTRACT

A RECONFIGURABLE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

A communication system comprises first and second terminals(FP, PP) which are able to communicate at least control messages to each other. At least one of the first and second terminals has means for configuring/reconfiguring itself by a process of service negotiation with the other of the first and second terminals.

Each of the terminals comprises a transceiver, a memory for storing software functions, and a processor for controlling the operation of the terminal in accordance with stored software functions. At least one of the software functions is alterable in response to the receipt of a control message containing the new software function plus interface software required by the processor in building a new function into an actual implementation on the terminal.

The communication system may be a cordless and/or cellular telephone system in which the configuration/reconfiguration messages are sent over-the-air or a corded system in which configuration/reconfiguration messages are relayed by landline.

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